St Margaret's Anglican Church Eltham

Pew Sheet 22 February 2026
Lent I

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 22nd	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent I
Sun 22nd	5:30pm 6:30pm	Taize meal Taize service
Mon 23rd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle Parish Council meeting
Tue 24th	1:30pm	Memory Care Café
Wed 25th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Sat 28th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 1st March	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent II
Sun 1st	12:00pm	Pub lunch

Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop is installed in the Church, please use the T switch on your hearing aid.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St Margaret's Anglican Parish Eltham acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We commit to working for reconciliation and justice for First Peoples. Diversity and inclusivity are important to us at St Margaret's. Everyone is welcome here, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, or ability.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord,
who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
give us grace to use such abstinence,
that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit,
we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness;
to your honour and glory,
who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Parish Office

The Parish office will be open next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am to 2pm (closed Wednesday).

Address: 79-81 Pitt Street Eltham Vic 3095
Email: parishoffice@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel: 9439 9238
Vicar: Revd. Yvette Daniel revdyvette@stmargaretseltham.org.au, Tel. 0439 035 741 (day off Thur)
Assistant Curate. Revd. Andrew Murray Tel. 0449 501 479

Worship 22 February - Lent

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,
that, as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 2. 15-17, 3.1-7

Today's Psalm

Psalm 32

Second Reading

Romans 5. 12-21

Image : Charlie Mackesy

Gospel

Matthew 4. 1-11

Today's Music

Welcome Hymn: Love will be our Lenten calling—TiS 684(8.00am)

Offertory: Come as you are TiS 693

Communion Hymn: Kyrie eleison—TiS 736

Mission Hymn: Be thou my vision—TiS 547

YouTube Link - Sunday 10:00 am Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8zWevMdRsIRq70IA6MUIg/live

Taize Service

The next Taize monthly service will be this Sunday 22nd February. A simple meal will be provided at 5:30pm followed by Taizé prayer at 6:30pm.

All welcome.

Memory Café dates

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 1.30 to 3pm

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 10, 24

Keys

Still looking at who holds church keys. This needs to be tabled for Parish Council. Thankyou for those who have checked in.

On the key you will find two numbers. 1494. This is our account. Number after that is the type of key 1-7. Then another number indicating the specific key. The easiest thing would be to take a pic.

Thankyou Sally

Rev'd Yvette on leave

Rev'd Yvette will be on retreat / annual leave next week from Thursday 26th February, back in the office on Tuesday 3rd March.

At the Sunday 1st March services we welcome Revd. Prashant to preside and Revd. Andrew will be preaching at both the 8am and 10am services.

Any queries whilst Rev'd Yvette is away please contact the Wardens.

NOTICES

What's Coming Up

Sun 1st March	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent II
Sun 1st	12:00pm	Pub lunch
Mon 2nd	1:00pm 2:00pm 7:30pm	Monday Circle PVAW Faith Issues Discussion
Tue 3rd	10:00am	Wardens meeting
Wed 4th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 4th	1:00pm	Pastoral Care team meeting
Sat 7th	8:00am 8:30am	Meditation Men's Breakfast
Sun 8th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent III
Sun 8th	4:30—6.00pm	Women of Spirit
Mon 9th (Public holiday)	1:00pm	Monday Circle
Tue 10th	1.30pm 4:00pm	Memory Care Café Do Justice meeting
Wed 11th	9:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Wednesday Service
Wed 11th	2:30pm	Book Club, Dendy House
Thur 12th	10:00am	Property Committee
Sat 14th	8:00am	Meditation
Sun 15th	8:00am & 10:00am	Lent IV

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer at St Margaret's

Holy Scripture is filled with inspiring words to the people of God to meet and pray with one another. The Letter of James encourages the early Church to pray together in all circumstances: "Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven" (James 5:13-15).

Although this encouragement to common—or community—prayer has always been a feature of the Church, the Anglican reformers of the sixteenth century recommitted themselves to it. The Book of Common Prayer exhorts all Priests and Deacons "to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer...in the Parish-Church or Chapel" in which they minister at a "convenient time...that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray." This cycle of liturgical morning and evening prayers, the daily office, was intended to be a deep well of living water, available to all in the parish to draw on as a source of refreshment.

Taking this to heart, Morning and Evening Prayer will now be said (at a convenient time) at St Margaret's most weekdays. Like at Morning Prayer on Wednesday, these services will use A Prayer Book for Australia. All are welcome to attend and to be involved in their own way—from saying the service with us, to participating more passively. The Rev'd Yvette and I look forward to praying with you all through this offering of worship in, with, and for our parish community.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Morning Prayer	8.30am	8.30am	9.30am	8.30am	-
Evening Prayer	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	-

Rev Andrew Murray
Assistant Curate

ROSTER	22nd February 2026 Lent I 8:00am	22nd February 2026 Lent I 10:00am	25 February Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel	Rev Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 4.1-11*	Rev Yvette Daniel *Matthew 4. 1-11*	Rev Yvette *Luke 11.29-32*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Diana Warrell	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Sally Petty	Adrienne Watson	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Catherine Pearson	Angela Langan Anna Mott	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Marg Duncan	Kevin Gillett Diana Warrell	Margaret Charles
First **Reading**	Catherine Pearson *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7*	Harry Watson *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7*	Barbara Alexander *Jonah 3. 1-10*
Second **Reading**	Barbara Speed *Romans 5. 12-21*	Roger Alcock *Romans 5. 12-21*	
Psalm	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 32*	*Psalm 51. 6-9*
Intercessor	Barbara Speed	Geoff Sandy	
Morning Tea	Sally Warner	Veronica & Michael Dobson	Jennifer Constantine
Banking	Kevin Gillett		
Music		Cecilia Spicer	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Sally Warner	Rob Mackenzie Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent		

ROSTER	1 March 2026 Lent II 8:00am	1 March 2026 Lent II 10:00am	4 March Wednesday 10:30am
Celebrant	Revd Prashant Bhonsle	Revd Prashant Bhonsle	Revd Yvette Daniel
Preacher **Gospel**	Revd Andrew Murray *John 3. 1-17*	Revd Andrew Murray *John 3. 1-17*	Revd Andrew Murray *Matthew 20. 17-28*
Sacristan **Assistant**	Barbara Speed	Jan Gack	N/A
Liturgical **Assistant**	Revd. Andrew Murray	Revd. Andrew Murray	N/A
Communion **Assistants**	Dave Greenfield	Adrienne Watson Mabs Jones	N/A
Greeters & **Sides People**	Catherine Pearson	Harry Watson Roger Alcock	Jenny Disney
First **Reading**	???? *Genesis 12. 1-4a*	????? *Genesis 12. 1-4a*	Barbara Alexander *Jeremiah 18. 18-20*
Second **Reading**	Clive Noble *Romans 4. 1-5 13-17*	*????* *Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17*	
Psalm	*Psalm 121*	*Psalm 121*	*Psalm 31. 1-5*
Intercessor	Clive Noble	Liz Pryor	
Morning Tea	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sheila Cheary	Margaret Charles
Banking	John Humann		
Music		Priscilla Lin	
Zoom/Ppt **Cameras**	Mary Lynton-Moll	Sandra Brown-Holt Val Tucker	
Flowers	Lent		

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7**

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to
till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may
freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you
eat of it you shall die.' 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any
other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman,
'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' 2 The
woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the
garden; 3 but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is
in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." '
4 But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; 5 for God
knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will
be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 So when the woman saw that
the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and
that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit
and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her,
and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that
they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loin-
cloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm: **Psalm 32**

[1] Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.
[2] Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
[3] For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
[4] Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
[5] Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;
[6] I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
[7] For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood,
it shall not come near them.
[8] You are a place to hide me in,
you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
[9] 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
[10] 'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
[11] Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces them on every side.
[12] Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

Second Reading: **Romans 5.12-21**

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and
death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have
sinned— 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not
reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from
Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the trans-
gression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 15 But
the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the
one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the
free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the
many. 16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin.
For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but
the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, be-
cause of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through
that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of
grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life
through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's
trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteous-
ness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one
man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one
man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 But law came
in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin in-
creased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, just as sin exercised
dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through
justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gospel Introduction
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today
you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
Matthew, chapter 4
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.1-11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
2 He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
3 The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.'
4 But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
6 saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '
7 Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '
8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;
9 and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'
10 Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '
11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lenten Study 2026

Celebration of discipline the path to spiritual growth

As we all know being a Christian is more than coming together once a week to worship at St Margarets Church our spiritual home.

What do you think of when you hear the word Spirituality?

We can often think about other faiths and religions and their expressions of spirituality.

Yet our Christian faith is so rich in our spiritual offerings and practices that have been observed and lived out for millennia!

This Lent I invite us all to learn, remember and reawaken some of these Christian spiritualities which can only add to our individual and corporate discipleship journey.

Below is the PDF of the book by Richard J Foster entitled -

Celebration of discipline the path to spiritual growth

Richard J. Foster - Celebration of Discipline.pdf

This classic book lays out for us the inward, outward and corporate Christian practices for which we are encouraged to part take in -

1. **The inward disciplines** · Meditation · Prayer · Fasting · Study
2. **The outward disciplines** (inward realities resulting in outward lifestyles) · Simplicity · Solitude · Submission · Service
3. **The corporate disciplines** · Confession · Worship · Guidance · Celebration

I would encourage everyone to read this book during this season of Lent – and try maybe even for the first time one or more of these disciplines.

In addition, I invite those who can to gather together on Wednesdays at 11.30-12.30 (Church hall) for us to discuss and study the disciplines and practices in more detail

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 25th March

NB // it has come to my attention that many of you are unable to read the PDF of the book on your devise . I will discern a way of it being more inclusive – watch this space

Peace and all good

Revd. Yvette

Roster vacancies—Sunday 1st March

If you can help out with a bible reading on the Sunday 1st March, please let Carolyn in the parish office know

- 8am service—1 x bible reader
- 10am service—2 x bible readers

St Margarets Scholarship musicians

Dear Church Community

Just to let you know that during Lent the students will not be playing an exit peace of music – however they will be back with a flourish at Easter !

Prayer Chain

For any prayer Requests

Mary Lynton-Moll

prayerchain@stmargaretseltham.org.au

or 0412 512 416

Preventing Violence Against Women

Love does no harm.

No one should live in fear of violence

St Margaret's Church is signed up to Preventing violence against women program(PVAW)

If you have any concerns related to any form of abuse or controlling behaviour exhibited towards yourself or , someone you know – in an emergency call **000**

24 hr information hotline 1800 Respect- **1800 737 732**

Orange door – our local family violence service – **1800 319 355**

You can also speak with Mandy Stevens who is our church family safety champion or Revd. Yvette Daniel

Remember – You are not alone

Mobile Phones during service

A gentle reminder to please remember to switch off mobile phones before services.

Thankyou.

The Five Marks of Mission

Mission Priorities for St Margarets Church

4 areas of focus for the next 5 years

- *To grow the Church Younger*
- *To be a spiritual place for the lost, seeking and found*
- *To live as disciples of Jesus Christ*
- *To take the Church outdoors and take the church to the People*

What we carry out will be shaped by the 5 marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on mission. They express the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.

The Five Marks of Mission:
The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth